GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ONLINE ISSUE OF PASSPORT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of online issue of Passport by various Regional Passport Offices has been introduced;

(b) if so, the names of such offices, States and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend this facility to some more offices;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the formalities and advantages attached to this facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a) There is no proposal to introduce online issue of passports by Passport Offices. Howevera procedure for online registration for selected categories of passport applicants has been started on a trial basis at Passport Office, Bangalore.

b), c), d) and f) Does not arise.

e) Online issue of passports requires a high degree of secure connectivity and computerisation between applicants, the verifying authorities and the passport issuing authorities which is presently not envisaged.